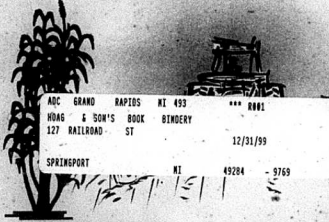


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Pahokee to host 4th of July fireworks

The City of Pahokee will again this year host their annual 4th of July fireworks on the dike at dusk.

Residents of surrounding communities are invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the celebration.

Participants are reminded not to bring fireworks or other fireworks to the event.

The fireworks are free and open to the public. There will be hot dogs and soft drinks for sale.

Parents should be aware of dress codes

Lake Shore Middle School parents should be aware that the school will be having a uniform dress code this upcoming school year.

For the convenience of parents and guardians, Belle's Department Store will be offering the uniforms for sale at a reasonable price on August 13 from 9 a.m. to noon in the school's media center.

Pastor's wives photos accepted at next SHIP meeting

SHIP (Senior HIV Intervention Project), with the support of the Tri-City mayors, urges pastors and spouses or representatives of all tri-city churches to meet with Alyx Schaffer at the Haitian Community Alliance Council of South Florida on Thursday, July 8 and July 22 at 5 p.m. The Haitian Community Alliance is located at 309 South Main Street, Belle Glade, next door to Affordable Cleaners.

There will also be a meeting Aug. 12 in which pastor's wives should submit a portrait photo to be used in a Haitian Women Magazine. Registration for the SHIP Spirit 2000 Conference will also be taken at this meeting. The conference will be held at the Drawbridge Cafe on Sept. 18.

A New Millennium Commemorative Calendar will feature the pastors who are participating in the conference.

For more information contact Ms. Schaffer at 954-467-4747.

Blood drive at GGH

There is a critical shortage of blood in Palm Beach County. As we approach the Fourth of July holiday it is even more urgent that citizens donate blood. Organizers say one donation can save three to four lives.

Glades General Hospital is sponsoring a blood drive this Thursday, July 1. The bloodmobile will be in the parking lot in front of the hospital from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

You will receive a mini-physical, cholesterol test and blood typing when you donate. Please give the gift of life.

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Laptop computers help Belle Glade officers cut down on paperwork

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Some may be using the two-finger "hunt-and-peck" method of typing, but Belle Glade Police officers are now generating their police reports faster on laptop computers, and from the comfort of their patrol cars.

Thanks to several grants the police department has received over the past three years, they have been able to acquire 15 Toshiba laptop computers and the software to run the system. Officers began using the laptops in their patrol cars and at their desks on May 1.

Sgt. Jim Love, the department's computer expert, says by using the laptops, officers have been able to cut down their report-generating time by two to three hours a day. This

allows the officers more time to patrol and respond to community concerns.

"I've got officers who tell me they now generate a report in 10 to 15 minutes," said Sgt. Love.

Another benefit of the computer-generated reports is the reduction of paper filing at the police department. "What used to take up several file cabinets will now take one or less," said Sgt. Love.

"Another advantage for the officers is the fact that they can spell check their reports and we can read the typed reports much better," he said.

The department plans to apply for another Law Enforcement Block Grant this year to continue to update the current system.

City negotiating with anchor tenant for Belle Glade Business Park

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Belle Glade city officials are negotiating with a large company that may bring as many as 500 new jobs to the area. The company, which manufactures particle board, wants to build in the Belle Glade Business Park, an area just north of the airport.

Commissioner Steve Weeks, who has been working with the company through the Palm Beach County Economic Development Board, said the business does not want its name released until they have their financing in place and a lease worked out with the city.

Commissioners discussed the lease agreement at the June 21 commission meeting, but the name of the company was left blank and only the commission and city employees were privy to what company is interested in locating in the business park.

City Attorney Charles Schoech told *The Sun* the city is not required to release the name of the company as long as no documents at city hall have the name listed on the paperwork. He said the city is concerned that if other munici-

palities learned about the company they might lure them away before a contract is negotiated.

Commissioners said there are several areas of the lease that would have to be worked out. They asked Attorney Schoech and City Manager W. Shelton Smith to go over the contract with city staff and company officials.

Mayor D. Bill Mathis said the company has agreed to try to employ local citizens first if they move to Belle Glade. Starting salaries were said to be in the \$40 to \$45 an hour range. When, and if, the factory does locate to the city, it will become the second largest employer in the area. According to Barbara Miedema, public relations director for Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, the co-op employees 900 people.

The company is asking to lease 62 acres of the 110 acre park and hopes to start construction in June of 2000 and be open in June of 2001. The city wants to put the factory in the back portion of the park.

"I'm hopeful we can work out all the details on this," said Mayor Mathis.



A BETTER WAY TO WRITE REPORTS...Belle Glade Police Officer Tim Horton demonstrates the department's new laptop computers that allows the officers to generate police reports without leaving their patrol cars. Officers say using the computers frees up more of their time to serve the citizens.

SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

Commissioners approve T-Dock Tiki at Pahokee Marina

During a recent commission meeting city commissioners approved the construction of a T-Dock Tiki at the Pahokee Marina.

Resident Don Thompson had asked city commissioners to consider allowing him to construct a T-Dock during the June 8 meeting and was told to return to the next scheduled meeting with plans for the Tiki so they could get a better understanding of what the Tiki would look like.

Mr. Thompson told commissioners as a city boater, on the

T-Dock, a group of them wanted to put up a thatched roof umbrella to get out of the rain or heat while at the dock.

He promised the Tiki would be professionally done and would be no larger than 12 by 12 and would not be in the way of any traffic on the dock.

Mayor Alvis Davis said if it could be easily taken down should it become necessary and was told by Mr. Thompson it could.

It will be like a picnic table with a big thatched umbrella over the top of it," said Mr.

Thompson.

Vice Mayor Singletary asked Mr. Thompson if a hurricane threatened could the Tiki withstand strong winds.

"If we could not put it up safely, we would not put it up," said Mr. Thompson.

Commissioner Pete Moore was concerned as to who would be allowed to use the Tiki and was told it would be available for anyone to use.

The building inspector has approved the plans and construction will start in the near future.

Pahokee Airport the site of new airline: The Havana Connection

Rob Tiller told the city commission the city now has, for the first time, a new airline at the Pahokee Airport.

The name of the airline is Havana Connection and it is completely licensed and available for charter.

"This is out of the safest air planes, probably in the country," said Mr. Tiller. It has a 99.2 percent efficiency rate and is almost a \$2 million dollar

plane.

Mr. Tiller told the commission the plane has the capability to carry ambulance personnel and victims in an emergency situations and is approved and certified by the FAA. Mr. Tiller said he has permission from the state department in writing to make direct flights to Havana.

"We are legal and one of only seven carriers in the United States that have this license,"

said Mr. Tiller.

"The plane is equipped with a licensed pilot and co-pilot, has executive interior and can hold 10 people. It also has storage capacity of an additional 1100 pounds.

"Our intent is to have it available for charter or for any emergency use," said Mr. Tiller.

The airline is allowed to take people to Havana for humanitarian, religious or sports activities.

Man arrested for pointing gun at officer

Robert Benjamin was arrested Tuesday, June 22 for aggravated assault on a Belle Glade Police Officer.

Officer Joseph Herb of the Belle Glade Police Department said he heard three gun shots about midnight and noticed smoke coming out of the driver's window of a brown vehicle.

When fellow Officer John Owens arrived on the scene and joined in the pursuit of the vehicle, he met up with the suspect at Airport Road and Sam Center Road.

Benjamin exited his vehicle and pointed a firearm at Officer

Herb Owens, who ordered him to drop the weapon.

When he refused, Officer Owens fired at him, hitting the windshield of the car. The suspect was taken into custody and booked on charges of discharging a firearm in public, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and aggravated assault on a police officer with a firearm. Benjamin told officers he had fired three shots into the sky, but made no mention of having pointed a gun at the officer.



KEEPING COOL THIS SUMMER...Lake Shore Swimming Pool is in full swing this summer with over a 100 kids enjoying the pool daily. The pool is operated by the City of Belle Glade and children are offered swimming lessons every morning from 8 to 10 a.m. for a small fee.

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Registration open for Football League

The City of Pahokee Recreation Department will hold registration for its Western Communities Football League on Saturday, July 3 and July 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Pahokee Community Recreation Complex. The registration fee is \$60.

On July 17, the WCFL will conduct the football camp. Participants will learn proper warm up techniques, stretching exercises, agility drills, and the fundamentals of blocking, tackling, catching, throwing and kicking. The staff for this camp will include area high school football coaches as well as WCFL coaches.

For more information call Ronald Osborne, recreation director at 924-2972.

Business seminars to be offered

A series of free business seminars will be offered in

the Glades by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Office of Small Business Assistance. The seminars are in recognition of National Small Business Week and the second seminar will be held Tuesday, July 27 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and is titled "How to do Business with Palm Beach County Government." This seminar will be held at Belle Glade City Hall, 110 SW Avenue E.

For more information contact the EDGE Center at 924-3343.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support

Families who are dealing with a loved one with Alzheimer's/Dementia can find support from the Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pahokee Civic Center.

For more information call Sandy Choate at 924-7283.

Steak Night at Pahokee Elks Lodge

Members and guests are invited to enjoy steak night every Saturday evening at the Pahokee Elks Lodge.

Reservations are requested. Call 924-7727 for more information.

mation.

Volunteers needed

The Pahokee boys facility is looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of young men by tutoring, being mentors and role models, and serving as guest speakers in career areas.

The facility is home to 350 youth between the ages of 14 to 18. If you would like to help make a difference in the lives of these young men please call the Volunteer Coordinator at 924-5922, Ext. 207.

Openings for children at East Coast Migrant Head Start

Four of East Coast Migrant Head Start's centers have vacancies for children at their locations. The free program is for low-income children ages six weeks to five years. Also, eligible for Head Start are children with disabilities. Applicants must meet family income guidelines.

East Coast Migrant Head Start runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and provides breakfast, lunch, and a snack.

Centers include the South Bay Center at 996-2939, the O'Brien Center at 996-1473, Early Head Start at 996-5453 and the Shannon Center at 996-2232.

Head Start accepting children

Belle Glade Family and Children Services, PEPP Head Start Program is now accepting applications for three and four year old children.

All children are welcome to attend, including children with disabilities. There are no fees.

The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade.

For more information, call Tammy Kyles or Barbara Green at 996-1718.

Free transportation to senior center

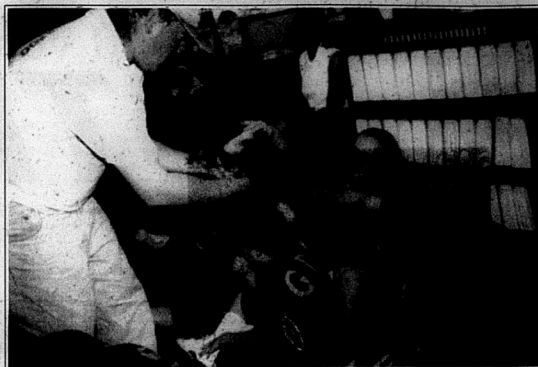
The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

Bereavement Support Group offered

Hospice of Palm Beach County is offering bereavement support for local residents. Anyone who is having a difficult time dealing with the death of an important person in their life, struggling with loneliness and a changing social role, is invited to attend.

For further information call 996-1285.



LET ME TOUCH IT... Local children had a chance to touch an iguana and other animals when representatives of the Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park came to the Belle Glade Branch Library on Thursday, June 24. The kids also learned about endangered animals and the Rain Forests.



GRAND OPENING... Kathy's Kooler on N.W. Avenue L celebrated their grand opening on Saturday, June 26. Shown at the ribbon cutting ceremony, from left, are: Gwen Asia-Williams with the EDGE Center, employee Ramiro Ramon, Gloria Hager, owners Kathy and Jimmie Arnold, EDGE Center Executive Director Carl Seibert, Alice Thompson and Ken Law.

International organization formed for victims of lightning

By Mike Lyons

It was a very busy day at the bank. Everyone, it seemed, in Jacksonville, North Carolina, had decided to cash their paycheck at the same time.

Steve Marshburn was asked to help out. Steve was the bank's loan officer but, like everyone who worked at the bank, he had spent some time as a teller. Steve went to the drive-in window to cash some checks.

Suddenly, Steve saw a bright flash of white light. A bolt of lightning struck the speaker at the drive-in window and went straight into his back.

"It felt like a baseball bat had hit me," said Steve. "It was like my spine had opened up. I was in terrible pain."

Today, 26 years later, Steve still feels that pain. While the lightning bolt didn't kill him, it did take a heavy toll. He's had multiple operations, suffers from short-term memory loss and has contracted cancer.

"I was suffering," he said. "I knew there would be others



Mike Lyons

out there."

There are thousands of other people who have been struck by lightning and survived. The National Weather Service says an average of 500 people are hit by lightning each year.

Steve wanted to help these other victims of lightning. He also wanted to study the long-term after-effects that lightning has on the body.

So, in February of 1989 he formed Lightning Strike and

Electric Shock Victims, International (LESVI), a non-profit international support group for survivors of lightning strikes.

"One of the primary goals of our organization is to get information out to the medical world so that victims of lightning can receive the proper treatment," said Steve. "Education is so important."

LESVI has already discovered 92 different after-effects from lightning strikes. Some are obvious, like tingling in arms and legs or a loss of hearing.

Others, however, may not have apparent links to lightning. Such as insomnia, chronic fatigue, personality changes and even catarses.

"Getting hit by lightning changes your life - emotionally, physically and mentally," said Steve.

While you have a one in 600,000 chance of being struck by lightning, hundreds of people beat the odds each year. People have been hit while doing the dishes, walking in the yard, talking on the phone and even driving the car.

"One person was hit by lightning while they were in their car," said Steve. Normally, a car is a safe place during a storm but Steve says this time the bolt flashed through an open window.

The safest place during a lightning storm is inside your home, but stay away from electrical appliances, windows, porches and wait until the storm has passed before you take that shower or bath.

"If you think the weather is going to be bad don't wait to find that shelter," said Steve. "Plan ahead. You can always play that round of golf another day."

If you would like more information about LESVI, you can write to Steve at 214 Canterbury Road, Jacksonville, North Carolina, 28540-5307.

"I feel like I've been given a second chance to help people," said Steve. "That's what our organization tries to do."

Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WFTV-TV.

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ER Chronicles: I told you it wasn't just bug bites



Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

"Why do you keep doing that?" Nancy asked her husband. They had been married 44 years, and she noticed every little change in his behavior. Sometimes this annoyed him. "Huh? Doing what?" Ernie responded politely. To himself, he thought, "What is she going to nag me about now?" "You know. You've been pulling and picking at your shirt all evening."

"Oh. I don't know. It just keeps feeling like something is in my shirt on this side," Ernie said, pointing to the right side of his chest. "The skin kind of feels funny there. It's been like that since last night, but I'm sure it's nothing."

Nancy went back to her TV show.

That night, Ernie was awakened every couple of hours by a tingling sensation in that same area of his chest. By morning, it

was getting a bit more uncomfortable. Sometimes, there was even a joint of pain.

Nancy noticed the red spots as Ernie walked into the closet to get a shirt.

"Did you get bit by something?"

"Huh? What do you mean?" Ernie was acting like he wished his wife would leave him alone, but he was actually wallowing in the attention.

Nancy was behind him, and was pointing at several red spots on his right flank.

"Yeah. Maybe I was bit there." He pulled a T-shirt on.

By that afternoon, the occasional jolts of pain were becoming more frequent.

Sometimes, the skin on that side was super-sensitive, uncomfortable to even the slightest touch of his T-shirt.

As the sun was setting, Ernie was not looking forward to attempting sleep with his chest and side still feeling like this. "I gotta go get this looked at."

It was relatively quiet in the Oceanview Hospital ER when

Ernie and Nancy walked in. The triage nurse motioned for them to approach his doorway.

"Hi. I'm Bill. What kind of problem are you having?"

As Bill was recording Ernie's vital signs on the triage sheet, he continued questioning the elderly man: when did this start, what does it feel like, has there been any fever or cough, have you noticed anything else?

"Well, Nancy noticed these things she thinks are bites," Ernie said as he lifted the side of his shirt.

"Oh, I see." Bill knew the diagnosis with one glance. "I'll get you in a room so the doctor can check you."

Ernie and Nancy sat quietly in their room. A baby's cries could be heard coming from down the hall.

Within a few minutes, Dr. Tammy Cortez walked in. "Good evening, I'm Dr. Cortez, the emergency physician." She shook Ernie's hand. "I understand you're having some pains on the side of your chest."

As Ernie pulled his shirt off, he answered many of the ques-

tions again that the triage nurse had asked earlier. After one look, Cortez nodded her head.

"Looks like you have shingles."

Cortez continued asking questions, gathering information on just about every body part. She probed Ernie's neck and abdomen, and listened carefully to his heart and lungs with a stethoscope.

"Dr. Cortez, I heard that shingles are caused by stress." Nancy could remain silent no longer.

"No, Ma'am, they're actually caused by a virus, the same virus that caused Chicken Pox in your husband a few years ago." She went on to answer the question that she knew was coming next. "We're not actually sure just what does cause shingles to come out like this."

"Well, what can we do about it?" Ernie chimed in.

"We do have some medicine that will help heal it up, but it will still take a few days." Cortez went on to explain the actions of the anti-viral medi-

cine she would prescribe, and the possible pain problems that Ernie may develop.

"I'll write that prescription for you in a minute, and the nurse will bring it back here for you."

"OK, thanks, doc." Ernie waited until Cortez had cleared the room before remarking to his wife, "See, I told you it wasn't just bug bites."

Herpes zoster, better known as "shingles," is characterized by an eruption of the skin along the course of a nerve on one side of the body. Pain or tingling may precede the rash by two or three days; then red spots usually develop in the area, followed soon by several small blisters filled with clear fluid.

Shingles is the consequence of a reactivation of the varicella-zoster virus, the virus that causes Chicken Pox. This virus enters a dormant stage in the nerve roots near the spine after the acute Chicken Pox infection.

tion, but sometimes - for unknown reasons - it re-emerges years later as shingles.

While it can occur at any age, shingles is more common in older people, reaching an incidence of 10 cases per 1000 persons in the 50 to 80 year range. Pain is the most debilitating aspect of the disease, both in the acute flare-up stages, and in the months that follow. Up to 50 percent of zoster victims over 50 years old develop post-herpetic neuralgia, with pain in the affected area persisting for months.

Anti-viral medicines have been shown to shorten the time to healing of the rash, and also to lessen the length of the post-herpetic neuralgia syndrome. Such medicines are most effective if begun early in the course of shingles.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

Papaya is sweet solution to stomach woes



Katrina Elksen
Contributing
Editor

What's sweet, juicy, packed with vitamins and also can help soothe a stomach ache? The little fruit known as papaya.

Papaya is a tropical fruit that is believed to have come from Mexico and Central America. In the 1500s Spanish and Portuguese sailors brought back the fruit and transported the seeds to countries such as the Philippines and India. In the 1900s, Papaya seeds were brought to Florida as well as Jamaica and the Hawaiian Islands.

Technically, a papaya is a berry, although when you cut it, the fruit looks more like a melon. Papayas contain plenty of Vitamin C. Eight ounces of papaya juice contains 100 percent of the USDA recommended daily amount of Vitamin C. Papayas are also a good source of folic acid.

Papaya is known by different

names in different countries. In Europe, papaya is called pawpaw, in Cuba fruta bomba, in Australia, pawpaw and in Brazil, mamão.

When choosing fresh papaya, look for fruit that is yellow in color and soft to the touch if you want to eat it right away. If you purchase firm papayas that are mostly green in color with just a little yellow, they'll be ready to eat in a few days.

To ripen papaya at home, place them in a dark place. As they ripen, the fruit will turn from green to yellow. If you want the papayas to ripen more quickly, place them in a paper bag with apples, bananas or pears. These fruits give off ethylene gas which speeds the ripening process.

Papaya has long been considered a folk remedy for stomach problems. It is said to help digestion.

This could be because papaya enzyme helps break down protein. In fact, papain (papaya enzyme) is an ingredient in meat tenderizers. Some people claim papayas can be used to cure ulcers,

although there is no documented scientific evidence to back up the claim. (Still, unless you have other health problems that keep you from eating sweet fruit, papayas probably couldn't hurt an ulcer.)

Papayas can be grown in Florida. However, it's not the kind of tree that you can just plant and then harvest year after year. There are two problems. The first is that papayas have "male" and "female" trees, so you need both or you won't get any fruit. The other problem is that as the tree gets older, and taller, the fruit gets smaller and of course, harder to reach. Trees that are two or three years old and about six feet tall are at the optimum for easy harvest and good-sized fruit. The trees can get up to 20 feet tall.

Fresh papaya are considered best, in regard to getting the most health benefits and vitamins from the fruit. However, you can also find papaya juice in the grocery and health stores.

Papaya is also sometimes sold dried. Or you can take

papaya enzyme as a supplement.

Before making any change in your diet, check with your doctor. This is especially important if you are already on a restricted diet or any prescription medications. Some medications interact badly with certain foods.

If you think you do have an ulcer, you should have it checked by a doctor anyway. An ulcer is a hole in the lining of the stomach or small intestine. An estimated 25 million Americans suffer from this ailment. People of any age can get them.

Stress is often an aggravating factor. Recent research has found that many ulcers are caused by a bacterial infection. This type of ulcer can be treated with antibiotics.

Your doctor can perform a blood test to determine if your ulcer is caused by bacteria.

If you have a particular health or nutrition question you would like to see addressed in this column, please write to Katrina Elksen, c/o The Daily Oklawaha News, P.O. Box 639, Oklawaha, FL 34973.

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Six ways to improve nursing homes: a nurse's perspective

By Cathy Ates, RN

The other day I was talking with a family whose 83-year-old mom we had just admitted to our facility. Like many of our residents, her family had provided her care for years, but now they were simply no longer able to meet her increasing needs in addition to their children's and their own. If you could have seen the relief this family felt, you would easily see why long term care facilities (nursing homes and assisted living facilities) will always be absolutely essential components of our health care system.

Not everybody sees nursing homes the way I do. Some insist they're just bad places staffed by uncaring and abusive people. They quickly portray nursing homes as evil and greedy and call for more lawsuits, more government inspectors and bigger and tougher penalties as ways to make them shape up.

Meanwhile, the nurses and certified nursing assistants at the front lines quietly do their jobs every day to help each resident achieve the highest quality of life possible. That dedicated work often goes unrecognized while others posture,

point fingers and make speeches to the media.

People genuinely interested in improving nursing homes should pay more attention to the group that knows the subject perhaps better than anyone else - the nurses who work in the facilities and provide the one-on-one care. If they asked us, our list of improvement suggestions would be short:

• Reimburse facilities fairly. My facility receives only \$77 a day per Medicaid resident, but it costs me on average \$105 per day to care for them. Medicare reimbursement has also been cut back, and there are forced caps on certain therapies. It's time lawmakers realize good care costs good money.

• Punish the bad, reward the good: Maintain the enforcement process for the handful of facilities that don't do the job right, but set up a system to recognize, reward and duplicate practices in the many outstanding facilities. Governor Bush is on the right track with his "Cold Seal" program.

• Refocus: Let us be nurses! Let us spend more of our time caring for our residents, not filling out paperwork and making sure each record is lawyer-proof.

• Work together: The Fire Marshal and the state restaurant inspections are expected to offer advice during their inspections, but federal rules keep the nursing home inspectors from doing this. Shouldn't we all be working together to improve care?

• Rein in the lawyers: It's got to stop. The flood of lawsuits against nursing homes is draining resources we need to improve care for everybody else. Worse, the litigation atmosphere poisons our relationships with the families of our residents. How can that help?

Politics and legislation aside, perhaps the best thing you or anybody can do to improve nursing homes is to go volunteer in one, and bring your child. In addition to making a big difference in a resident's life, you'll be teaching your child a valuable life lesson about our duty to the elderly.

That elderly person someday may be you.

(Ms. Ates is the Director of Nursing at Crestview Nursing and Convalescent Home in Crestview, Florida and is the first vice-president of the Florida Association of Directors of

Nursing Administration. She has been a registered nurse for 21 years and is certified in gerontology.)

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Calling about sexual predator story

"You probably won't publish this but when a newspaper does a cover story they should check their facts before they publish it. They go to jail. They either have to plea out because they do not have the \$25,000 to \$50,000 that it takes to fight it and if you have a public defender, I can assure you, you will be convicted, because they will not fight your case for you."

All you need is for someone to accuse you of something that you cannot prove or disprove. One of the cases in your paper you listed them as a sexual batterer. They were never charged with sexual battery, they were charged with attempted sexual battery. There is a big difference. You should get your facts straight.

There are so many more things in this town that need to be addressed, such as the drugs that are coming into this town, instead of the petty stuff that went on the night this sweep was made.

These cops acted like little children out getting a high.

Thank you.
Sergeant David A. Carhart, District V investigations for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office responds: "I would like to address the caller who left disparaging remarks about the Sexual Predator/Offender Sweep conducted by local law enforcement on June 9, 1999."

I am greatly disappointed that anyone would choose to defend the indefensible and vile acts of somebody who is a convicted sex offender. The facts of each case remain the same no matter what label is placed upon them by Florida State Statute. The Predator/Offender was either found guilty or pleaded guilty to a qualifying offense that involved an illicit sexual act.

I vehemently disagree with the caller's comments that a lot of innocent people are sent to jail for acts they did not commit. Any investigator can tell you that sex crimes are the

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Guest Editorial

Safety steps can help the Fourth of truly 'sparkle'

By State Fire Marshal
and Insurance Commissioner

For many of us, the Fourth of July means family gatherings, hamburgers or barbecue chicken on the grill, the sweet taste of watermelon, and the awesome sight of a community fireworks display. But, upon reflection, we also know the holiday weekend can be spoiled by injuries suffered in the improper use of sparklers or the illegal use of fireworks.

Each year, thousands of Americans - mostly males age 19 or younger - suffer unnecessary and sometimes life-threatening injuries from fireworks. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that hospitals treated an estimated

8,500 fireworks-related injuries across the nation last year, an increase of 200 over the previous year. This year, federal officials expect even wider fireworks use leading up to the new millennium.

This heightened activity follows a steady increase in consumer use in recent years. Consumption increased from 67.6 million pounds of fireworks in 1990 to more than 118 million pounds by 1996, according to the U.S. International Trade Commission.

On a state level, we saw a reduction in property damage from fireworks incidents last year. But this was due to the temporary ban on all fireworks during the devastating wildfires. From 1990 through 1997,

Floridians reported 1,688 fireworks-related incidents that caused nearly \$1 million worth of damage. During this eight-year period, 62 people were hurt, including six firefighters.

These figures point up the need to know and respect the law, and to take safety precautions when using sparklers or other novelties permitted under Florida law.

The law allows the sale and use of sparklers and novelties approved by the State Fire Marshal, but outlaws the private use of products that you either explode or launch. The sale or use of illegal fireworks can result in a one-year jail term and a fine of up to \$1,000.

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- ✓ To help our community become a better place to live and work, through our dedication to conscientious journalism.
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- ✓ To use our opinion pages to facilitate community debate, not to dominate it with our own opinions.
- ✓ To correct our errors, and to give each correction the prominence it deserves.
- ✓ To provide a right to reply to those whom we write.
- ✓ To treat people with courtesy, respect and compassion.

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Letters to the Editor

Not all car donations are scams

Dear Editor;

In April ABC News 20/20 aired a segment warning consumers about the pitfalls of donating cars to unscrupulous organizations. Many of the used car programs featured on 20/20 masqueraded as charities, but are in fact run by "scam artists" who donate either less than 10% of the proceeds of the sale of the cars to their stated cause, or nothing at all. Donors spotlighted on 20/20 complained that these so-called charities did not transfer title properly so that even after they donated their cars, they were financially responsible for traffic violations committed by the new owners who never re-registered the cars in their own names.

While we appreciate the need to inform the public of possible scams, it is also important to point out that what 20/20 viewers saw does not represent the majority of used car programs run by reputable charities. The National Kidney Foundation of Florida is proud of its Kidney Cars Program that has been serving our community responsibly for the past six years. Through our program, thousands of satisfied

donors have received free pick up of vehicles they no longer need. Seventy percent of the sale of our cars go directly to support life-saving programs in research, organ donation, public and professional education and patient services.

Additionally, in compliance with state and federal law and in an effort to protect Kidney Cars donors, the National Kidney Foundation requires that title transfer take place prior to vehicle pick up. Our donors receive receipts and may obtain copies of the bill of sale which absolves them of any responsibility related to their donated vehicle if the buyer does not re-register the car.

The National Kidney Foundation of Florida urges readers to support us in our mission to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the lives of those affected by these conditions and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation. Make your car a Kidney Car. Cars that save lives.

Sincerely,

Nyree K. Bowen
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Public safety is number one

Michael W. Moore
Secretary of the Florida
Department of Corrections

With almost 28,000 employees, more than 200,000 people in custody or under supervision and a \$1.7 billion budget, the Florida Department of Corrections is the largest agency in the state of Florida and the fourth-largest prison system in the nation. While many believe our job is to simply supervise prisoners, our most serious responsibility is to protect the public from criminals by effectively keeping them in custody or under supervision. Public safety is our number one mission.

Many people are affected by what the Department of Corrections does or fails to do. I like to think of them as "stakeholders." Anyone who receives a product or service from the department or anyone who is affected by our success or failure is a stakeholder. Our primary stakeholder is the public, especially victims of crime. Because the department supervises so many criminals, their victims are sometimes overlooked by the system. Soon after being appointed secretary, I gave new emphasis to victims by establishing a free hotline. Anyone who is a victim of crime or who has a concern or question about the inmate who committed it can call 1-877-8VICITM. Inmate information can also be accessed on our web site at www.dcs.state.fl.us.

What the public doesn't often hear is that inmates are serving longer sentences, and violent criminals - especially drug traffickers and sex offenders - are spending more time behind bars. Criminals whose offenses occurred after Oct. 1, 1995 must serve at least 85 percent of their sentences. It is important to remember that judges and juries, and not the Department of Corrections, decide sentences for the guilty and determine how much time they spend in prison.

However, the Department of Corrections is committed to making sure that once they are behind bars, criminals stay there for the duration of their terms. If released, we must also make sure offenders are less likely to return to a life of crime and victimize their communities. Following Gov. Jeb Bush's lead to get tough on crime, I volunteered the resources of the department to fund and help organize the administration's campaign to educate the public about the 10-20-Life law. Proposed by the governor as the centerpiece of his tough anti-crime package passed by the Legislature this spring, the law would add graduated sentences for those who use guns during the commission of



Michael W. Moore

crimes. Use a gun during a crime, and you'll get 10 years in state prison. Pull the trigger, and you'll get 20 years. Hurt or kill someone with a gun, and you'll spend the rest of your life behind bars.

Like it is with the private sector, the Internet is just one way science is transforming the business of corrections. Employing the same satellite technology our military uses to launch missiles, we can now keep track of prisoners on probation through an electronic tether known as GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) technology. By wearing an ankle bracelet and carrying a small computer-radio transmitter, a probationer can be kept on surveillance via a computer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For example, GPS can track a pedophile if he is walking past a school. It can be programmed to notify his probation officer if he goes near an area declared off-limits. If he puts the device down or gets separated from it, we know immediately. While GPS is now limited to a small test group of probationers - and it must be understood that it is not an alternative to prison - we hope to soon expand its use.

Contrary to popular opinion, prisoners do not have cable TV, satellite dishes or air conditioned cells. Inmates work by cleaning up roadways, growing and preparing much of their own food, building and maintaining prison facilities, or assisting in the community.

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AS A WAY OF SHOWING GOD'S LOVE TO the people in town, Community United Methodist Church held a free car wash on June 19 for anyone who stopped by. In the picture are some of the members who greeted, washed and prayed for the community. Left to right front row, Sandra Christian, Pat Hood, Jane Thompson. Back row, Rachel Hollingsworth, Becky Watson, David Woodham, Leigh Woodham, Emily Watson, Brian Watson, Luke Woodham, Jeffrey Woodham, Curtis Thompson and Andy Hollingsworth.

Kannel named president of Florida Conference



Scot Kannel

Scot Kannel, executive director of the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens was elected president of the Florida Conference of Executives of the ARC at the annual meeting held June 14-16 in Orlando.

Mr. Kannel was also the recipient of the President's Award from the National Conference of Executive Directors Training Institute.

The F.C.E. develops quality

assurance standards and provides ARC's around the state with technical and professional advice for ARC's to insure quality ethics, standards and protocol.

The Glades Area has been in existence in the area since 1977 and serves around 100 clients. The GAARC is located at 4250 N.W. 16th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-9583.

Guest Editorial/From Pg. 4

Here are some tips for a safe July Fourth:

- Avoid sparklers, fountains or other products that lack clear labels. Each item should include a manufacturer's name, and instructions that you should carefully follow.

- Avoid illegal explosives commonly known as "M-80s," "M-100s," "quarterpounders" or "blockbusters." These items, banned by federal law since 1966, still account for one-

third of all Fourth of July injuries, according to the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

- Don't try to make, alter products at home, or buy kits advertised for those purposes. Such practices can seriously threaten lives and property.

- Look for reliable, licensed dealers. You can obtain a list of approved sparklers and other products from our Web page at www.doistate.fl.us. When you open our home page, just click

on our State Fire Marshal links until you find the list.

- Set up your holiday display outdoors and keep onlookers well out of range. Keep your display away from any pets, cars, houses and flammable materials.

- Light only one sparkler at a time on a smooth, flat surface, and don't try to re-light duds. Keep a water bucket nearby for dousing purposes and properly dispose of used products.

—Mike Smith, editor in chief

STOPPERS



Roberta Lynn Carden

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking

citizens to help locate **Roberta Lynn Carden** who is wanted for violation of probation on 10 counts of issuing a worthless check and violation of community control for 36 counts of uttering a worthless check. She is also wanted for an organized scheme to defraud and petty theft.

Carden is a white female, 5'3"-tall, and weighs 117 pounds.

She has brown hair and brown eyes and a scar on her

right arm and her date of birth is June 7, 1970.

She is at large. Her Social Security number is 281-78-3662 and her last occupation is unknown.

Her warrant was active as of June 22, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Carden, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.



LOTS OF TAKERS...When Community United Methodist Church offered free car washes last Saturday they had lots of people take them up on the offer. Shown above are some of the cars and the busy workers.

SPEAK OUT FROM PAGE 4 hardest to investigate and least likely to be prosecuted. The burden of proof is overwhelming and only the strongest cases are filed and tried by the State Attorney's Office. I find it difficult to believe that anyone would accept a plea bargain for such a heinous crime unless the facts of the case were overwhelmingly stacked against him or her and the burden of proof had clearly been met. I would pay any price to prove my innocence rather than spend my life as a convicted sex offender.

The caller's comment that this sweep was "petty," is way off base. Several agencies joined together to ensure that the convicted Sexual Predators/Offenders were abiding by the conditions of either their probation or Florida State Statute. Our mission was to

ensure that the community is safe from these deviants and that they are aware of their responsibilities to the public. Moreover, the sweep served to hold them accountable for their actions, clearly a concept that escapes the caller. Our duties were successfully completed during this sweep and will be again in the future.

Instead of criticizing the agencies involved I think the community would best be served by commending these agencies for proactive enforcement of the law by arresting those who, once again, chose to violate it."

Love it or leave it

"Yes. I'm calling about the June 24 front page story in *The Sun* about "Share a Ride." I think I have the solution for the problem with all the traffic and everything.

If the people move to

Wellington, Royal Palm or Loxahatchee, they should find a job over there and leave the vacancy open for people living here in Belle Glade. That way, we wouldn't have the traffic problem.

So, if you move out from Belle Glade, you have to work out from Belle Glade, too.

Thank you."

More on sexual offenders

"I just wanted you to know how very pleased I am that the Belle Glade newspaper is keeping the community informed about the status of the six sexual predators who were arrested.

I will be looking forward to the status on the other five. Since only one has been reported, I would like to know what is happening to the other five.

I'm sure the community would like to be informed."

Some People Are Special Blessings

Some people just know, right from the start, how to bring joy to another's heart. Some people just know how to love and to give, and they do each nice thing every day that they live. They're always a blessing wherever they go; it's a sweet way of life that some people just know.

I would like to thank everyone of you and the staff at Glades General Hospital for all the prayers and kind words that reached me during my recovery.

God bless you for being so special!
—Edith Fields



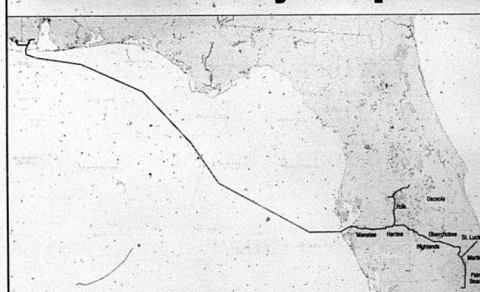
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Public Invited Gulfstream Project Update



DATE: Friday, July 9, 1999
TIME: 7-8 p.m.
WHERE: The Drawbridge Cafe • 3300 West Lake Road • Belle Glade, FL

WHY: Gulfstream proposes to build an approximately 700 mile long pipeline to deliver environmentally preferred, clean, dry natural gas to important electric generation markets in central and eastern Florida. The natural gas is needed to fuel modern electric generators that will help meet the growing demand for clean, low-cost energy throughout the state. With comments and suggestions from various landowners, environmental groups and governmental agencies, a study corridor, 1000 feet wide, has been identified. Ultimately, this will be narrowed to a final permanent easement, approximately 50 feet wide, for the underground pipeline. This presentation will address environmental, construction, safety and land topics. Right of way agents will be on hand to meet with landowners and answer their questions.

FORMAT: • 25-minute multi-media presentation, followed by Q&A
• Complimentary refreshments will be served.



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Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 637 complaints and gave 24 traffic citations the week of June 21-27.

Those arrested included:

June 21 - Darrell Moreland, 27, attempted second degree murder; **Juvenile, 12,** retail theft; **Juvenile, 14,** retail theft; **Juvenile, 12,** retail theft.

June 22 - Hipolito Cardona, 66, retail theft; **Jarvis Williams, 20,** violation of probation and warrant for kidnapping; **John Mabry, 26,** violation of probation.

June 23 - Kevin Smith, 23, warrant for battery; **Randy Rhames, 32,** domestic battery.

June 24 - No arrests made.

June 25 - No arrests made.

June 26 - Lavar Kellam, 18, grand theft of a motor vehicle, felony fleeing and eluding a police officer, trespass of a conveyance and resisting arrest without violence.

June 27 - Samuel Dejesus, 20, resisting arrest without violence; **Tremetric Nobile, 22,** domestic battery; **Sirleazer Owens, 22,** aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 12 arrests, handled 184 calls and issued 21 traffic citations the week of June 14-20.

Those arrested included:

June 21 - Stanley Dorsey, 30, disorderly intoxication; **Juvenile, 13,** simple battery.

June 22 - Marquel Brown, 23, filing a

false police report; **Karlina Thompson, 24,** forgery; **Zanovia Campbell, 25,** forgery.

June 23 - Juvenile, 17, domestic battery; **Juvenile, 15,** obstructing and opposing a police officer.

June 24 - Terry Bell, 32, warrant for violation of probation.

June 25 - No arrests made.

June 26 - Juvenile, 14, aggravated assault.

June 27 - Willie Fitzgerald, 35, domestic violence; **Shalonda Council, 29,** domestic battery; **Pablo Pitre, 22,** violation of a no contact order.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made five arrests the week of June 20-26.

June 20 - Joseph Chapple, 44, warrant for failure to appear on charges of driving without a driver's license; **Alphonso Brown, 35,** civil warrant.

June 21 - Anthony Williams, 23, warrant for violation of probation for manslaughter with a firearm.

June 22 - No arrests made.

June 23 - Richard Skeete, 36, aggravated domestic battery.

June 24 - Juvenile, 13, warrant for violation of probation.

June 25 - No arrests made.

June 26 - No arrests made.

Local schools and nonprofit organizations receive money from the Community Foundation

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties and its supporting organization, the Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund, have awarded nearly \$2.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, schools, and teachers in the two counties.

Of the \$2,449,885 in grants, the trustees of the Mary and Robert Pew

Public Education Fund awarded \$1,722,141 to support professional development initiatives and an out-of-school summer program in public schools in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

It also made \$38,280 in Power Grants to teachers for innovative projects ranging from a visit to Warfield Elementary by author Shelley Gill to Glade View Elementary School's *Reading Around the Globe* program to support the study of geography.

The Community Foundation's board awarded \$689,464 to 49 organizations that applied as part of the Community Foundation's Spring 1999 funding cycle.

The majority of the grants are drawn from income generated by unrestricted funds within the Community Foundation's endowment, while a smaller percentage of the grants are made from "door advised" and "field of interest" funds designed to target a particular geographic location or community

priority.

Glade View Elementary in Belle Glade was awarded a three year grant of \$578,656 to support Literacy Through the Arts-An Integration Model.

The program integrates the arts into reading, language arts, math, science and social studies in an effort to help at least 50 percent of the students to achieve at grade level by 2002.

Glades View also received a grant for their Soar to Success program which is a targeted reading intervention program for intermediate students supporting strategies inherent in Literacy first.

Fourth grade teachers Nancy Nowak and Gloria Boldin will receive the \$2,000 award for the program.

Another program received a \$1,655 award is the Reading Around the Globe program, which supports the study of geography.

Rosenwald Elementary School in

South Bay was awarded a three year grant of \$258,871 to support its Technology Initiative.

This program is a whole school effort designed to increase student achievement, with a focus on technology, through a comprehensive professional development program for teachers.

Belle Glade Elementary's program, Writing for Discovery, received a three year grant for \$5,997.

The program encourages students to improve and perfect their writing skills.

They were also awarded \$1,950 for their Math Incentives Add Up to Success, a program intended to motivate students to achieve in math.

Pioneer Park Elementary received an award of \$2,000 for the Geodesic Domes: Moving from Skills to Problem Solving program.

The program provides training for classroom teachers to solve real-world math problems. This program teaches third, fourth and fifth

grade students the same skills.

The mission of the Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund is to improve public education for economically disadvantaged children in Palm Beach Martin counties by developing, testing and implementing new strategies for learning in classrooms, schools and neighborhoods and to support educational enrichment programs unavailable as part of the regular school curriculum.

The Community Foundation's Spring 1999 cycle also resulted in awards from the Marie Garber Martens Fund.

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center will receive \$10,000 to support an educational outreach residency program conducted by Ballet Folklórico Quetzali de Veracruz.

Glade View Elementary will be awarded \$74,892 over a three year period to support an on-site Early Learning center to provide day care for school staff and a

structured environment for training child development personnel.

New Hope Charities, Inc. in Pahokee will receive \$12,480 to provide a literacy and ESOL program for 70 children and 25 adults from Pahokee and Canal Point.

Organizations seeking application information for the fall 1999 funding cycle should contact the Community Foundation's program staff at 324 Datura Street, Suite 340 in West Palm Beach or call 561-659-6800.

The Community Foundation, which was established in 1972, is governed by a board of directors composed of community leaders interested in the welfare of the counties and is managed by a staff recognized for its expertise in specific program areas.

Its endowment is managed by financial institutions and managers charged to ensure the safety of principal, a reasonable level of return and continuity of income.

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NASCAR this week

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■ **Truck Series, DieHard 200**

2:30 p.m. • Saturday • CBS

■ **Busch Series, DieHard 250**

2 p.m. • Sunday • TNT

1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 2,494	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,444	Jack Sprague, 1,850
2. Bobby Labonte, 2,337	Mark Martin, 2,315	Stacy Compton, 1,782
3. Mark Martin, 2,328	Jeff Green, 2,149	Ron Hornaday, 1,760
4. Jeff Burton, 2,254	Elton Sawyer, 2,090	Andy Houston, 1,739
5. Jeff Gordon, 2,180	Todd Bodine, 2,046	Greg Biffle, 1,738
6. Tony Stewart, 2,111	Jason Keller, 2,005	Dennis Setzer, 1,660
7. Dale Earnhardt, 2,007	Jeff Pavia, 1,900	Mike Wallace, 1,655
8. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,930	Mike McLaughlin, 1,846	Jeff Sauter, 1,655
9. Rusty Wallace, 1,913	Tony Rains, 1,789	Kevin Harvick, 1,583
10. Ward Burton, 1,877	Drew Bledsoe, 1,782	Mike Bliss, 1,530

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- (3) Jeff Gordon Four-time winner
- (2) Dale Jarrett Drove from 29th to sixth
- (1) Bobby Labonte Road races are trouble
- (5) Mark Martin Gave his best shot
- (4) Jeff Burton Transmission woes
- (6) Tony Stewart Bad luck bit him
- (8) Rusty Wallace Stayed in the hunt
- (7) Dale Earnhardt Worked his way up
- (-) Ward Burton 31st to third
- (-) Jeremy Mayfield Regaining his touch

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	London, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brookline, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bryant Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	London, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Marionville Speedway	Marionville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Avalon, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motor Sports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampden, Ga.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

The latest record for Jeff Gordon; four straight road-course wins, the latest coming in the Sears Roebuck 350 at Sears Point Raceway. Gordon held off Mark Martin in an exciting finish, giving the Chevrolet driver his fourth victory of the season and 46th of his career.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Dale Earnhardt Jr. made a last-lap pass on Ron Fellows, preventing Fellows from achieving a sweep of the weekend events at Watkins Glen International. Earnhardt's victory was his third in a row.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Ron Fellows tracked down Mike Wallace in the closing laps to catch the annual Super Trucks visit to the Glen.

FUD OF THE WEEK

Chad Little vs. NASCAR

The starters at the end of the field at Sears Point used a makeshift pit area, dubbed "Gilligan's Island" because it was in the middle of the horseshoe created by turn 11. To prevent them from gaining an advantage, NASCAR assessed a penalty to each car in this area on every stop. "I don't think that's fair," said Little. "We lost a minimum of three spots every single pit stop, guys that I worked hard out there to pass."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Little had to take a provisional starting spot to make the field; he wouldn't have had to deal with it."

AROUND THE GARAGE

Petty OK after collapsing at his home

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Richard Petty, stock car racing's all-time leader with 200 victories, collapsed last week at his Level Cross, N.C., home and was hospitalized suffering from bleeding ulcers.

Petty, who owns two Winston Cup teams, was listed in good condition at weekend's end and was expected to be discharged

from Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, N.C.

THE BEST OF RIVALS:

Irony Stewart and Kenny Irwin were contemporaries on the United States Auto Club open-wheel circuits. In 1995, Stewart became the only driver ever to win three USAC titles (midwest, sprint-car, Silver Crown) in one season. Irwin never won a title but won eight midwest and seven

sprint races and was second in Silver Crown points the year Stewart won the title.

"I guess you'd say that me and Tony had a love-hate relationship," said Irwin, 29. "But it's been a lot of fun. I wouldn't change one thing about our rivalry."

JOE, ABOUT THAT CARD: When Stewart took a road-racing course in Sonoma, Calif., at the Bob

Bondurant school, everything went well until the final five minutes, when Stewart put one of the "school cars" into a concrete wall.

As a result, Stewart had to put an \$800 charge on boss Joe Gibbs' Visa card.

"Joe told me he didn't have any idea it cost that much to go to a road-racing school, so I finally had to 'fess up to sticking the school car in the fence," Stewart said.

ON THE SCHEDULE

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: Pepsi 400
Where: Daytona (Beach, Fla.)
International Speedway (2.5-mile track), 160 laps/
400 miles
When: Saturday, July 3
Defending champion: Jeff Gordon
Qualifying Record: Sterling Marlin, Chevrolet, 203.666 mph.

July 3, 1986

Race record: Bobby Allison, Mercury, 173.473 mph, July 4, 1980

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: DieHard 250
Where: The Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, Wis. (1-mile track), 250 laps/miles
When: Sunday, July 4

Defending champion: Dale Earnhardt Jr.
Qualifying record: Jeff Purvis, Chevrolet, 119.904 mph, July 4, 1998

Race record: Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 100.999 mph, July 2, 1994

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Coming up: DieHard 200

Where: The Milwaukee Mile, West Allis, Wis. (1-mile track), 200 laps/miles

When: Saturday, July 3

Defending champion: Mike Bliss

Qualifying record: Jack Sprague, Chevrolet, 120.530 mph, July 4, 1998

Race record: Ron Hornaday, Chevrolet, 105.665 mph, July 5, 1997

PROFILE

Jerry Nadeau



Jerry Nadeau has participated in the Winston Cup series since 1997.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Jerry Nadeau received relatively little attention when he arrived in the Winston Cup Series in 1997, but he has quickly earned respect for himself and his race team.

What Nadeau hopes to achieve is a rebirth in the fortunes of Mellling Racing. Founded by the late Harry Mellling, the team won a championship with Bill Elliott as driver in 1988. The team's most recent victory came with Elliott behind the wheel in 1991.

Nadeau is unique among Winston Cup drivers in that he spent part of his career racing in Europe.

AGE: 29
HOMETOWN: Born and raised in Danbury, Conn., lives in Alpharetta, Ga.
MARITAL STATUS: Single
CAR: No. 9 Cartoon Network Ford Taurus, owned by Mellling Racing

RECORD: 49 starts, 0 wins, 0 poles, 0 top-five finishes, 1 top-10, more than \$1.5 million in career earnings

FIRSTS: Start (June 15, 1997, at Michigan), pole (none), win (none)

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TRACK?

"Michigan is a good race track, the speeds are high. There's not really a lot of attrition there and that's really good, but I like the short tracks and road racing too. I like everywhere we go, so that makes it fun to go out there."

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WIN? "Before, you can win, you need to get top-10 finishes and then top-five finishes. We've got a good race car. We're making progress. If everything goes well and we have good pit stops, I can stay out of trouble, the potential is there for a good finish almost everywhere we go."

HOW HAS HARRY MELLING'S DEATH AFFECTED THE TEAM? "I think everybody's upset. Harry (Mellling), the whole family is very upset. Harry is watching us right now, so I think we've got that going for us."

Trackside Trivia

- Name the Indiana car builder for whom Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart and Kenny Irwin all drove during their USAC days.
- What was unique about the now-defunct short track in Langhorne, Pa.?
- What was Tim Lumb's actual first name?

ANSWERS

- Bob Fenn
- Edwards
- Edwards

Fan Tips

■ Pace, maker of pitfalls, salsa and other Mexican foods, is holding an instant-win game, with the grand-prize winner getting to ride in the pace car at the 2000 Daytona 500. Twenty-four million lids have been produced nationwide, with 1,500 other winners receiving a 1/24th scale die-cast replica of the Pontiac pace car.

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ John Andretti started 31st and finished third in the Sears Roebuck 350, but it took more than just Andretti's quality work behind the wheel. Crew chief Robbie Loomis and the rest of the Petty Enterprises crew helped Andretti pick up a number of positions and collectively gave ailing car owner Richard Petty quite a get-well message.

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PBCC Dean and President's List

The following Palm Beach Community College students have been named to the President's and the Dean's List for spring term for 1999.

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Sekethia Denise Drummer
Keith Lloyd Gayle
Michael Blair Madden

To qualify for the Presidents' List students must be full-time and must have earned a grade point average of 3.8 or higher. To be eligible for the Dean's List students must earn a grade point average of 3.20 to 3.79.

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AISE students attend local high schools and have their own medical insurance and spending money.

Have you ever thought about hosting an exchange student? Call toll free or visit the AISE web site today to learn more about hosting.

Students from over 25 different countries are enrolled in the AISE program for the upcoming school year and they're waiting to hear that they've been chosen by an American host family.

Call AISE today at 1-800-SIBLING or visit the AISE web site at www.aise.com to request student profiles.

SFCC recognizes student

South Florida Community College recognizes those students who have pursued and achieved academic excellence during their course of study at the college.

Students qualify for the Vice President's List with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.79.

Belle Glade student Jessica Alvarez was named to the 1999 Winter Term Vice President's List.



Becky Sue Pate and Elmer Stephen Dupree wed

Becky Sue Pate of Moore Haven, and Elmer Stephen Dupree of Moore Haven, were married Tuesday, June 22 in a double ring ceremony.

Ms. Pate is the daughter of Melvie Pate and the late Jesse B. Pate of Moore Haven.

Mr. Dupree is the son of the late Marion Joyner of Belle Glade.

After their honeymoon cruise to Nassau, Bahamas, the two will make their home in Moore Haven.

Obituaries

Week of July 1, 1999

David Roger "Buzzy" Crowe, 50, of Belle Glade passed away on Wednesday, June 23 while working in Camille, Georgia.

Mr. Crowe was born September 6, 1948 in Ringgold, Ga. but had been a resident of Belle Glade for over 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Crowe of Belle Glade; mother, Dorothy Harris of Heniger, Ala.; one daughter, Legina Watson of Belle Glade; two sons, Jason Lott and wife Cindy of Belle Glade and Michael Lott and wife Kimberly, also of Belle Glade.

Mr. Crowe left behind four brothers Don (Helen) Crowe, Danny (Yvonne) Crowe, and Gary Crowe all of Alabama and Steve Crowe of Tenn.; two sisters Wand Crowe Spires (Jim) of Tenn. and Cindy Delbosque of Clewiston. Mr. Crowe had four grandchildren. Aaron and Bailey Lott of Belle Glade and Danielle and Leona Watson of Clewiston. Besides his loving family members, Mr. Crowe also left behind many other friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 26, followed by interment at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Hinton A. "BoBo" Pugh, 60, of Canal Point died Monday, June 21 at his residence.

A native of Pahokee, he was born on November 26, 1938, the son of Loretta Jackson Pugh and the late H.H. "Bo" Pugh. He spent his early life in the Glades until his family moved to Crestview in 1948. While living in Crestview he was active in sports and played on the Crestview High School football team, the "Bulldogs."

His family returned to the Glades in 1957 and he graduated from Pahokee High School that year. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1958 to 1962.

Following his service he was associated with Southern Bell for five years. He joined GTE-Fujitsu and was associated with them for 30 years until his retirement last year.

During his years with GTE-Fujitsu, he traveled over much of the world installing and servicing phone systems. At the time of his retirement he was a systems engineer in New Mexico. He had made his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, for a number of years until retiring last year and returning to Canak Point to make his home.

He was a member of the Good Sam Club for Motor Home owners and the Canal Point Baptist Church. He was a devoted uncle to his nieces and great nephew. Mr. Pugh was preceded in death by his father and brother, Jerry Pugh.

Surviving are: his mother, Loretta J. Pugh of Canal Point; his brother and sister-in-law, Gene and June Pugh of Cocoa; his sister, Loretta-Henson of Canal Point; his nieces, Patricia Ann Robinson and her husband Dave of Port Orange, Shelia Denise Pugh of Cocoa and Lora Jo Henson and Michelle Henson, both of Canal Point; his grand nephew, Cain Robert Robinson of Port Orange.

The funeral service was conducted Thursday, June 24 in the Canal Point Baptist Church. The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Memorial Park.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, in Pahokee was in charge of the arrangements.

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